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## NEWS RELEASE

On 01/19/06, at approximately 1250 hrs., State Troopers responded to Killingly High School, 79 Westfield Ave., Danielson, for the report of a 15 year old juvenile that was possibly in possession on a firearm on school grounds. Investigation by TFC George Vangel and TFC David Lavoie (Troop D School Resource Officers) and TFC William Kuckel (Killingly Resident State Trooper) revealed that the juvenile, who is not a student at the high school, was loitering on school grounds and had displayed what appeared to be a 9 mm handgun to students. Further investigation revealed that this same juvenile had threatened another student just off of school grounds by pointing the supposed firearm at the student. Troopers determined that the weapon was actually a pellet ('bb") gun, which closely resembled a 9 mm Beretta handgun. Troopers arrested the juvenile without incident and seized the pellet gun. The juvenile was transported to Troop D, processed, and remanded to the Hartford Juvenile Detention Center. The juvenile will be presented in Hartford Juvenile Court on 1/20/06 and then presented at the Superior Court for Juvenile Matters in Willimantic on 01/24/06. No one was injured during this incident. There was no disruption to the school day at Killingly High School. The juvenile is charged with Risk of Injury to a Minor; Possession of a Weapon on School Grounds; Carrying/Brandishing a Facsimile Firearm; Breach of Peace; Threatening; and Loitering on School Grounds.

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